

The undersigned is available for consultation at any time, if the Examiner believes such consultation may expedite the resolution of any issues.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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